

a) at least two double ended members, each double ended member having first and second elements configured for linear motion along a common axis, at least one of the first and second elements being a piston, and

a transition arm coupled to a stationary support, the transition arm coupled to each of the double ended members by a joint, the joint being positioned between the first and second elements, the joint being configured to move relative to the first and second elements along first and second orthogonal axes, the first and second orthogonal axes being perpendicular to the common axis, the joint defining two opposed flat surfaces for the transfer of load between the first and second elements and the transition arm.

76. The piston assembly of claim 75 further comprising a universal joint connecting the transition arm to the stationary support.--

REMARKS

Applicants have cancelled claims 1-44 and added new claims 45-76. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added and request entry of the above amendment.

Applicants submit that all of the claims are now in condition for examination, which action is requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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